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- 1. TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND ALLIED WORKERS ARE BELIEVED TO NUMBER ABOUT 7000 IN BOLIVIA. ALL SHOPS WITH 15 OR MORE WORKERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ORGANIZED.
- 2. WORKERS IN THIS SECTOR CURRENTLY FORM PART OF THE FACTORY WORKERS CONFEDERATION. THE CONFEDERATION, ITS FEDERATIONS AND UNIONS ARE NOW REPRESENTED BY GOVERNMENT APPOINTED "LABOR COORDINATORS" RATHER THAN ELECTED OFFICIALS ALTHOUGH MANY "LABOR COORDINATORS" WERE CHOSEN FROM THE RANKS OF PREVIOUSLY ELECTED UNION LEADERS. FACTORY WORKER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE IN RECENT YEARS PRESENTED A CHAOTIC POLITICAL PANORAMA WITH FREQUENT TURNOVER OF CONTROL AMONG DEMOCRATIC, CHRISTIAN AND EXTREME LEFT CURRENTS. THIS CONFUSION OF POLITICAL IDENTITY IS LIKELY TO PERSIST AMONT THE FACTORY WORKERS EVEN AFTER THE CURRENT TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF NORMAL TRADE UNION ACTIVITY TERMINATES.

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